Brownfields Development – A Lender's Perspective

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Finances environmentally impacted properties on a regular basis



No Separate Fund for Financing Brownfields





Critical Decision is:

Does the project make good credit sense?



Successful Wachovia Transactions Involving Environmentally Impacted Properties



South End Project, Charlotte NC

Past use: steelyard

Contaminants: petroleum, solvents, chromium

Current Use: restaurant and office space

Key to success: Great cooperation from NC DENR



Shopping Centers: in Florida and Various Capital Markets Transactions

Contaminants:

Dry cleaners, gas stations, auto repair facilities – solvents and petroleum

Key to success:

Use of environmental insurance - owner lender policies; higher premium if property is contaminated.

Former Foundry, Charlotte NC

Past use: foundry, gas station, adjacent property

was coal gasification plant

Contaminants: solvents, metals, USTs, PAHs

Current Use: restaurant/residential/retail/office space

Keys to success: Developer's urban expertise

Good brownfield agreement with NC DENR

Good consultant

Use of capping



Old World War I Camp, Charlotte NC

Past use: old World War I camp and textile facility

Contaminants: petroleum, USTs, solvents

Current Use: to be developed into industrial park for

light manufacturing

Key to success: Good Brownfield agreement with NC DEN Good consultant
Collateral Discount (later released)



Shockoe Bottom, Richmond VA

Past use: tobacco manufacturing

Contaminants: petroleum, USTs, solvents

Current Use: residential/office

Key to success: Historic Preservation Tax Credits
Affordable Housing Tax Credits
Environmental Insurance



Wachovia Brownfield Projects – in Process

Textile Mill, Georgia

Past use: textile mill since early 1900s

Contaminants: petroleum, solvents

Future Use: residential lofts

Keys to success: Historic Preservation Tax Credits

Affordable Housing Tax Credits

Environmental Insurance

Brownfields Agreement

Capping



Tools Used to Mitigate Risk on Environmentally Impacted Properties



Legal Tools

- Brownfield Agreements with sitewide NFA letter
- Indemnifications
- Deed Restrictions
- Covenants Not to Sue (transferable)



Engineering Tools – Site Must be Well Delineated

- Additional Remediation
- Caps/Barriers
- Risk-based Assessment and Design



Financial Tools

- Escrows
- Collateral Discounts
- Guarantors
- Tax Credits
- Environmental Insurance



Environmental Insurance Tools

- Secured Creditor Policies
- Owners' Policies
- Cost Cap or Stop Loss Policies
- Finite Risk Policies



Secured Creditor Policies

 Transfer environmental risk to insurance company, protecting the bank from environmental problems with collateral.

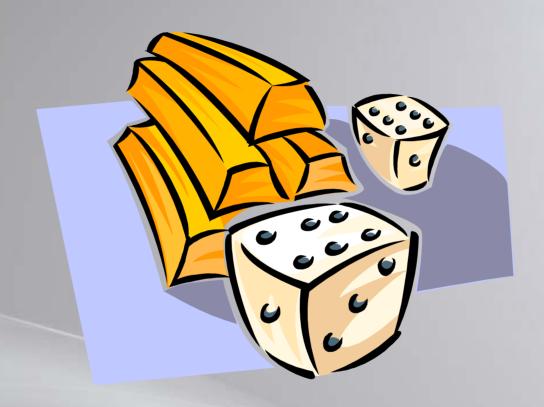
 Provide customers with a faster, less expensive environmental due diligence option

Owners' Policies



Protect Against Cleanup Costs, Litigation, even Business Interruption.

Cost-Cap or Stop Loss Policies



Take Risk Out of Remediation

Cost Cap Policies:

- Covers cost overruns of remedial plans approve and in progress
- Protects new owners from financial losses; help developers/current owners attract buyers
- Helps lender by protecting borrower's cash flow and value of collateral



Cost Cap – Two Options

Coverage A - pays cleanup cost overruns for problems already defined

Coverage B - pays cleanup costs for newly (optional) discovered contamination



Cost Cap Policies - Typical Program

Minimum Self-Insured Retention(SIR)

\$1,000,000

Limits Up To:

Each site - \$100 Million

Aggregate - \$100 Million

Terms up to:

10 years

Minimum Premium \$45,000



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